



House Bill No. 5304

Public Act No. 24-121

***AN ACT DESIGNATING THE STATE DOG AND STATE CANDY AND
CREATING A WORKING GROUP CONCERNING REDESIGNATING
THE STATE INSECT.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2024*) The Siberian Husky shall be the state dog.

Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2024*) The lollipop shall be the state candy.

Sec. 3. (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established a working group to study redesignating the state insect, which is established under section 3-109b of the general statutes as the praying mantis. Such working group shall (1) study the reasons for retaining, versus the reasons for redesignating, the current state insect, and (2) consider potential alternative insects that are native to the state, including, but not limited to, the spring azure butterfly and autumn meadowhawk dragonfly.

(b) The working group shall consist of the following members:

(1) Two appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives, one of whom is a student in this state with an interest in redesignating

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the state insect as the spring azure butterfly;

(2) Two appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate, one of whom is a student in this state with an interest in redesignating the state insect as the autumn meadowhawk dragonfly;

(3) One appointed by the majority leader of the House of Representatives;

(4) One appointed by the majority leader of the Senate;

(5) One appointed by the minority leader of the House of Representatives; and

(6) One appointed by the minority leader of the Senate.

(c) Any member of the working group appointed under subdivision (1), (2), (3), (4), (5) or (6) of subsection (b) of this section may be a member of the General Assembly.

(d) All initial appointments to the working group shall be made not later than thirty days after the effective date of this section. Any vacancy shall be filled by the appointing authority.

(e) The speaker of the House of Representatives and the president pro tempore of the Senate shall select the chairpersons of the working group from among the members of the working group. Such chairpersons shall schedule the first meeting of the working group, which shall be held not later than sixty days after the effective date of this section.

(f) The administrative staff of the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to government administration shall serve as administrative staff of the working group.

(g) Not later than February 15, 2025, the working group shall submit a report on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing

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committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to government administration, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes. Such report shall include, but need not be limited to, the working group's recommendation on whether to redesignate the current state insect and, if so, which insect should be selected and the reasons for such selection. The working group shall terminate on the date that it submits such report or February 15, 2025, whichever is later.